

BMN's Illness Management Policy

Effective Immediately (Monday, December 18th, 2023)

At Bee Montessori Niagara (BMN), we are committed to prioritizing the needs of the child over all else. This includes fulfilling our duty and obligation (as stated in Public Health's Child Care Manual: "Managing Illness") to protect our children from illness (including infections and communicable diseases).

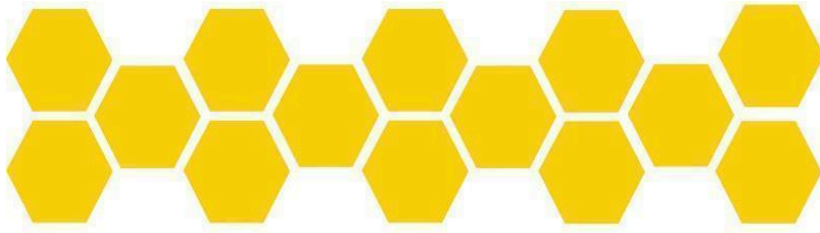
As Public Health says, "managing illness takes teamwork"! Let's work together to keep our children as healthy as possible. Our dedicated staff will continue to carefully observe your child upon arrival and throughout the day. **It is BMN's policy that should a child exhibit one or more of the following signs and symptoms of illness (according to Public Health), the child will be unable to attend the program until he/she/they have been examined by a doctor. In addition, the child may only return to School once a doctor's note (indicating that the child is well enough to return or is no longer contagious) has been provided.** This will help to minimize the risk of an outbreak occurring.

**This does not apply to children with prior known skin conditions (ie. Eczema).

General signs and symptoms of infections and communicable illnesses:

- unusual behaviour (such as lack of energy, lack of interest or loss of appetite)
- running or stuffy nose, cough or trouble breathing
- vomiting (**see Child Illness Chart)
- diarrhea (**see Child Illness Chart)
- change in skin colour
- skin - spots, rash, infected area, itchy skin and scalp
- fever/chills (**see Child Illness Chart)
- eyes - tears, discharge, swelling
- sore throat (painful swallowing or difficulty swallowing)
- headache

As advised by Public Health, here is what you (as a parent/guardian) can do to help:

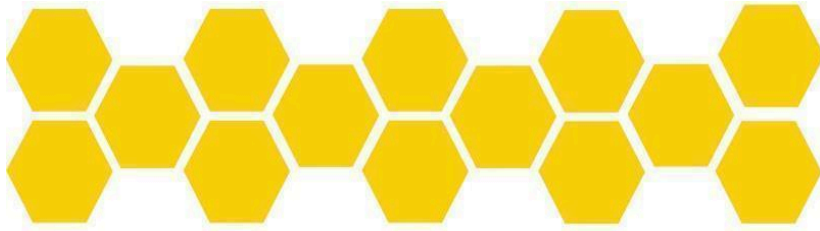


- Keep your child home when they are exhibiting the above symptoms to prevent the spread of infection to other children and families in our school community
- Inform our staff about your child's illness or symptoms
- Seek medical attention if your child has any of the above signs/symptoms of illness

We thank you in advance for your support and understanding. Thank you for considering the health and safety of our School community!

Kind Regards,

Bee Montessori Niagara Admin Team

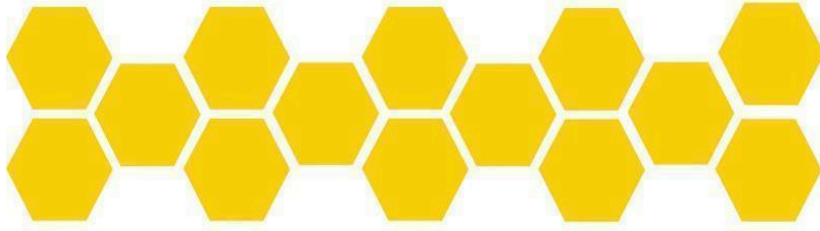


Child Illness Chart

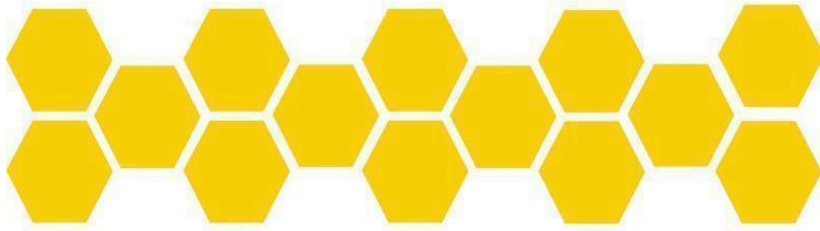
***Bee Montessori Niagara school policies are set in alignment with Public Health policies and guidelines**

This guide has been created using Public Health's "Managing Illness" (Child Care Manual)

Illness	When A Child Is Unable to Remain/Attend School	When A Child Can Return to School
Fever	If child has a fever of 37.9 degrees celsius or 100.2 degrees fahrenheit or above	Once fever free for 24 hours without medication
Diarrhea	If a child has two or more bouts in one day	24 hours after the last bout
Vomiting	If a child has 1 bout of vomiting	Return 24 hours after LAST bout of vomiting
Undiagnosed Rash	If an undiagnosed rash appears anywhere on child's body	Return once rash improves
Fifth Disease (Non-Reportable Illness)	Symptoms: -usually appears as a very red rash on child's cheeks, giving a "slapped cheek" look -low-grade fever -headache -cold-like symptoms See full list of symptoms here: https://caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/health-conditions-and-treatments/fifth_disease	Return once no longer contagious (when rash appears)
Hand/Foot and	Symptoms:	Return once well enough to



<p>Mouth (Non-Reportable Illness)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -fever -small, painful ulcers in the mouth -a skin rash (looks like red spots) on hands, feet -headache -sore throat -vomiting/diarrhea <p>See full list of symptoms here: https://caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/health-conditions-and-treatments/hand_foot_and_mouth_disease</p>	<p>participate</p> <p>It is recommended to keep a child home if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -they are drooling OR -they have blisters on the mouth OR -they have a weeping rash on their hand(s)
<p>Impetigo (Non-Reportable Illness)</p>	<p>Symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -appears around the mouth, nose or on skin that isn't covered by clothes -rash can start as a cluster of red bumps or blisters <p>See full list of symptoms here: https://caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/health-conditions-and-treatments/impetigo</p>	<p>Return once antibiotic prescribed has been in the child's system for one full day (24 hours) AND child is well enough to participate</p>
<p>Pink Eye (Non-Reportable Illness)</p>	<p>Symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -scratchy eyes -lots of tearing -the whites of the eyes are pink/red -pus or discharge from the eyes <p>See full list of symptoms here: https://caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/health-conditions-and-treatments/pinkeye</p>	<p>Should be kept home until seen by a healthcare practitioner.</p> <p>If bacterial, child can return after 24 hours of antibiotic treatment</p> <p>If viral, child can return with approval from a healthcare practitioner.</p>
<p>Ringworm (Non-Reportable Illness)</p>	<p>Symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -rash (ring shaped, with a raised edge) 	<p>Return after first treatment has started</p>



	<p>-scaly patches (itchy and flaky) -fungal infections on the feet See full list of symptoms here: https://caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/health-conditions-and-treatments/ringworm</p>	
<p>Pinworm (Non-Reportable Illness)</p>	<p>Symptoms: -usually no symptoms -some children get very itchy around the anus and vagina (especially at night) See full list of symptoms here: https://caringforkids.cps.ca/handouts/health-conditions-and-treatments/pinworms</p>	<p>Return after treatment has started</p>

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.niagararegion.ca/living/childcare/service-providers/child-care-manual/illness.aspx#non-report>